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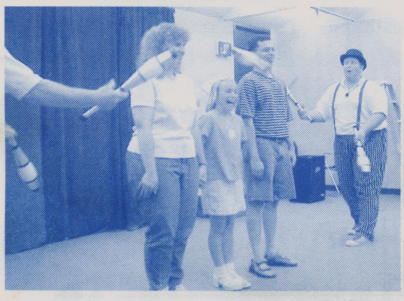
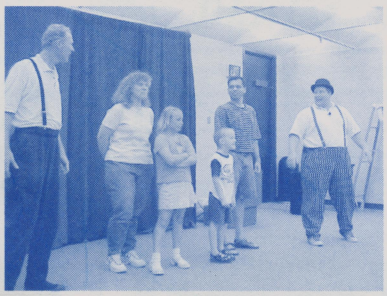
How Your Children Spent Their Summer Vacation!!!



"The Mike & Ken Show"—comedy, juggling and music



Mike & Ken prepare guest participants

Kids love being part of Mike & Ken's show

Young adult writing work-shop with Toni Greathouse

If you happened to stop by the Fountaindale Library this summer, you may have noticed a great deal of activity. A full array of educational and entertaining programs promoting reading were developed around the theme, "Feed Your Need to Read". Our imaginative staff used the opportunity to create colorful displays and decorations in the buildings to whet the reading appetites of library users. It was clear that the summer months brought a increase in library users of all ages.

Tickets for special events described in the Summer issue of The Fountain, were rapidly requested. The favorite program was "Animal Encounters" by Dr. Robert James and was attended by 592 persons. Dr. James is a renowned naturalist. His writings and teachings are dedicated to increasing awareness of and respect for animals. He brought a varied group of animals including an emu, boa constrictor, alligator, possum, bat, and armadillo, and knowledgeably answered the questions of children and parents alike. He emphasized how much animals and people have in common, and in show-and-tell fashion, he walked each species around the room allowing the audience the opportunity for direct contact with the animals. Children showed little fear as they touched these animals for the first time. Throughout the presentation, Dr. James urged the audience to read and learn more about animals. As a result, more than 2,100 books were checked out by children on the day of his presentation. In total, 141 children's programs were held in the months of June, July, and August with a total attendance of 7,661 children.

In addition to the huge numbers attending programs, we are equally pleased to report, that 1,785 children were enrolled in the Summer Reading Club. Reading Club members read 34,037 books this summer!! Children who completed the reading club requirements

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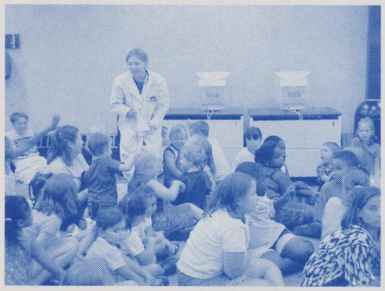


Science demonstrations for ages 5 - 12 with audience participation

"Mad Science" Beth Cristel

Summer volunteers—"F.R.A.N.K." (Fountaindale Readers Assisting Numerous Kids)

"F.R.A.N.K." team

Adult
Calendar of Events

January 2, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
January 5, 2:00 p.m.	Fountaindale Writers Group	BB
January 7 to March 20	Winter Fun Adult Reading Program!	BB/RV
January 10, 7:00 p.m.	Cross Stitch Demonstration	BB
January 14, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
January 21, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB
February 2, 2:00 p.m.	Fountaindale Writers Group	BB
February 6, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
February 6, 7:30 p.m.	Bulls, Bears and the Market: Mutual Fund Basics	RV
February 7, 7:00 p.m.	Cross Stitch Class	BB
February 11, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
February 18, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB
February 21, 7:00 p.m.	Cross Stitch Class	BB
March 2, 2:00 p.m.	Fountaindale Writers Group	BB
March 6, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
March 6, 7:00 p.m.	Handwriting Analysis	BB
March 11, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
March 13, 7:00 p.m.	Handwriting Analysis	RV
March 14, 7:00 p.m.	Embroidery Demonstration	BB
March 18, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB
April 2, 7:00 p.m.	Spring Floral Fantasy	BB
April 3, 9:00 a.m.	Starting Your Business	BB
April 3, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
April 4, 7:00 p.m.	Embroidery Class	BB
April 6, 2:00 p.m.	Fountaindale Writers Group	BB
April 8, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
April 15, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB
April 17, 9:00 a.m.	Starting Your Business	BB
April 18, 7:00 p.m.	Embroidery Class	BB
April 25, 7:00 p.m.	Take Me Out To The Ballgame!	RV
May 1, 9:00 a.m.	Starting Your Business	BB
May 1, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
May 4, 2:00 p.m.	Fountaindale Writers Group	BB
May 9, 7:00 p.m.	Making a Sewing Case	BB
May 13, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
May 20, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB

Basic Computing, Getting Started on the Internet, Intermediate Internet, and *Introduction to Microsoft Word 97* classes are available at both of our locations. Please call for times and to register. Bolingbrook (630) 759-2102, ext. 34 or Romeoville (815) 886-2030, ext. 17.

Bulls, Bears and the Market: Mutual Fund Basics

Chad Cruse, from Morgan Stanley Financial, will help investors understand bull and bear markets and explain the effects of changing market conditions on a long-term investment plan. This program will be held on Wednesday, February 6th, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fountaindale Library in Romeoville. To register, stop by the Information Services desk or call (815) 886-2030, ext. 17.

Handwriting Analysis

What does your handwriting reveal about you? Join us as two handwriting specialists introduce participants to the fascinating world of handwriting analysis.

In our first program, handwriting specialist Marie Dwyer will analyze writing samples from the audience. The program will be presented on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fountaindale Public Library in the Bolingbrook meeting room. Please call (630) 759-2102, ext. 34, for more information.

In our second program, Laura Lofgren, a member of the American Association of Handwriting Analysts, will give an entertaining and educational presentation using the handwriting of famous people. This program will be held on Wednesday, March 13, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fountaindale Library in Romeoville. To register, stop by the Information Services desk or call (815) 886-2030, ext. 17.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Gerald R. Gems, who has a Ph.D. in Sports History from the University of Maryland, will give a presentation that covers the origins of baseball; the evolution of the equipment that the players use; and the growth of the game as a commercial enterprise. Particular attention will be given to baseball in Chicago. This program will be held on Thursday, April 25th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Fountaindale Library in Romeoville. To register, stop by the Information Services Desk, or call (815) 886-2030, ext. 17. *This program is made possible in part by an award from The Illinois Humanities Council.*

Kansas Crisis

Just before the Civil War, trouble was brewing in Kansas. Gifted storyteller Drew Gibson takes his audience on a trip back to that time, and presents the story of one man and his beliefs at this time of great unrest. Gibson will also bring to life the famous anti-slavery work, *Uncle Tom's Cabin.* Join us for this trip back in time to celebrate Black History Month on February 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook.

A Soldier's Story

Hear the story of Private Leander Stillwell of the 61st Illinois Volunteer Infantry and his journey through hardships, joys and disasters as a soldier in the Union Army during the Great Conflict. See real Civil War weapons, and what a soldier would have carried with him at this fascinating program on March 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Join us at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook for this trip back in time.

Young Adult
Calendar of Events

January 14, 1:30 p.m.	Final Exam Cram	BB, RV
February 11, 7:00 p.m.	Kansas Crisis	BB
March 11, 7:00 p.m.	A Soldier's Story	BB
March 13, 6:30 p.m.	Movie Based on The Princess Diaries	BB
March 14, 6:30 p.m.	Movie Based on Shrek	RV
April 2, 2:00 p.m.	Showtime! Teen Talent Show	RV

The Princess Diaries ★ *Shrek*

March Movie Madness

Get into March Movie Madness! Have you met Mia Thermopolis yet? She has just found out she's a princess, and she's not sure she wants to be one! Come watch this funny movie based on the book, *The Princess Diaries* by Meg Cabot. Enjoy this movie just in time for the sequel, *Princess in the Spotlight.* The movie begins at 6:30 p.m. on March 13th at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook

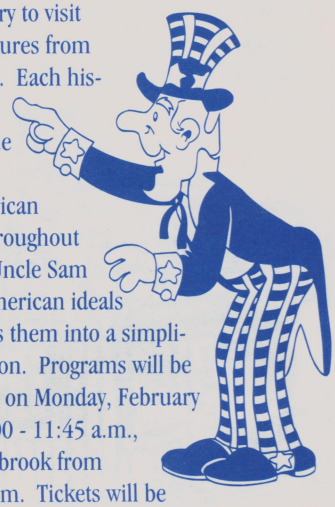
Or come over to the Romeoville library and see the movie based on the book *Shrek* by William Steig on March 14, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the antics of all characters in this book as they come alive in the computer-animated movie. Tickets will be available at the Information Services Desk for both movies.

Children
Calendar of Events

January 14	Storytime Registration Begins	BB, RV
January 21	Book Swap	RV
January 28 - March 1, various times	Storytime (session I)	BB, RV
February - March 30	Readers Break Records	BB, RV
February 6, 7:00 p.m.	StoryVine Theater	BB
February 18, 11:00 a.m.	The Greatest American	RV
February 18, 1:30 p.m.	The Greatest American	BB
March 4, 10:00 a.m.	March Movie Madness	RV
March 4, 1:30 p.m.	March Movie Madness	BB
March 9, 1:30 p.m.	Ukrainian Egg Workshop	BB
March 12, 6:15 p.m.	Ukrainian Egg Workshop	BB
March 19, 6:15 p.m.	Ukrainian Egg Workshop	RV
March 25	Storytime Registration Begins	BB, RV
March 26, 6:60 p.m.	March Movie Madness Continues	BB
March 27, 3:30 p.m.	March Movie Madness Continues	RV
April 2, 1:00 p.m.	Book Swap	BB
April 4, 2:00 p.m.	American Girl's Tea	RV
April 15 - May 17, various times	Storytime (session II)	BB, RV

The Greatest American

The Melikin Puppets proudly present **The Greatest American**, a show for grades K - 5. American history abounds with great Americans, and it is Danny Doodle's job to find out who is the greatest. Uncle Sam opens the book of American history to reveal avenues of historic events which tells the story of the birth of our country. They enter the pages of history to visit prominent figures from early America. Each historical figure provides a clue as to who the greatest American could be. Throughout their travels Uncle Sam weighs the American ideals and translates them into a simplified explanation. Programs will be at Romeoville on Monday, February 18, from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., and in Bolingbrook from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Tickets will be available starting February 11.



It's Time for Storytime

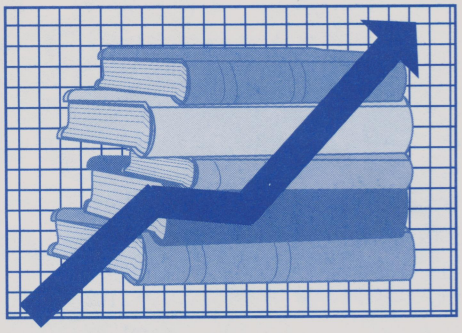
Storytime at Fountaindale continues this winter, when the library hosts an abundance of Storytimes in Bolingbrook and Romeoville libraries. Children from newborn to fifth grade will find stories to suit them. The first five week session of Storytime runs the weeks of January 28 - March 1. Registration begins January 14. Registration for the second session of Storytime, running the weeks of April 15 - May 17, will begin on March 25. Pick up a Storytime brochure at the Children's Services desk for details or ask a staff member for more information.

Winnie-the-Pooh & Tigger, Too!

January 18 is the birthday of A. A. Milne, creator of Winnie-the-Pooh. To celebrate the day, Ginger Stephens Terlep will present **Winnie-the-Pooh & Tigger Too!** at the Fountaindale Library. This interactive musical program for all ages features prose and poems of A. A. Milne, highlighting many of the antics of Christopher Robin and his friends. Ms. Terlep takes you on a delightful adventure as she reads and sings about the wonderful friendships in the Hundred Acre Wood. All characters surround her as she relives the marvelous stories of Winnie-the-Pooh. Bring your own special stuffed animal to the library on Friday, January 18, from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. in Romeoville and from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. in Bolingbrook. Tickets will be available January 11.

Readers Break Records

The family Winter Reading Program, **Readers Break Records**, encourages reading together as a family. Keep track of your progress at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook or Romeoville from February 4 through March 30. Families that read 1000 pages or more will earn a free paperback book. Drop in any time that the libraries are open. For more details, please contact a children's staff member.



Ukrainian Egg Workshop

Adults, young adults and children in grades 3 - 5 are invited to learn the ancient art of pysanky, Ukrainian egg decorating, at the Fountaindale Library in Bolingbrook on Saturday, March 9, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. or Tuesday, March12, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Registration starts February 18. The Romeoville workshop will be held Tuesday, March 19, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Registration starts February 25. All attendees will need to bring a candle, candle holder and eggs. Pick up details at the Children's Desk.

Computers for Kids

Learn to use a variety of software programs in **Computers for Kids**, a series of workshops for children in grades 3 - 5. Kids may sign up for as many workshops as they are interested in. Limit: 16 for each session. Register for each workshop one week in advance.

BOLINGBROOK
Monday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
January 14, February 4, March 11, April 8, May 13

ROMEOVILLE
Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
January 24, February 21, March 21, April 25, May 9

Introductory Internet classes for children in grades 2 - 5 with an adult are held in Bolingbrook and Romeoville on Saturdays from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Sign up at the Children's Services Desk for a date that is convenient for you. Call Bolingbrook at (630) 759-2102, ext. 16 or Romeoville at (815) 886-2030, ext. 25.

Don't miss this great movie! | *Babe: The Gallant Pig* | *Catch a flick with us this winter!*

March Movie Madness

March Movie Madness comes to the Fountaindale Public Library on Monday, March 4 for two showings of the movie based on the Dick King-Smith novel, **Babe: The Gallant Pig**. Children of all ages and adults are invited to relive the magic of Hoggett's farm at 10:00 a.m. in Romeoville or at 1:30 p.m. in Bolingbrook. Tickets will be available starting February 25. Rated: G. Running Time: 89 minutes.

March Movie Madness continues at the Fountaindale Public Library with two showings of an animated feature based on Edgar Rice Burrough's novel about a boy raised by apes. Children and their families are invited to come to Bolingbrook on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. or Romeoville on Wednesday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. Tickets will be available starting March 19. Rated: G. Running Time: 90 minutes.

American Girl's Tea

Fountaindale Library in Romeoville will host a special program dedicated to American girls. Children in grades K - 5 with an adult are invited to the American Girl's Tea where they will learn about Kit Kittredge and her times, create a Depression era craft, and enjoy refreshments. The event will be on Thursday, April 4 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Registration starts March 21.

New Baby At Your House?

Do you have a new baby at your house? Well then, Fountaindale Public Library has a gift for you. Bring the attached coupon in to the Children's Desk at either the Bolingbrook or Romeoville building before your baby is six months old and collect the gift we have waiting for you.

BEGINNING WITH BOOKS

Parent(s) Name_____

Baby's Name_____

Baby's Birthday_____

Phone Number _____

Address (Street / City)_____

Zip_____Today's Date_____

Summer Vacation

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received a book prize, generously donated by the Friends of Fountaindale Library. We should all be proud of these achievements, because success in reading translates to success in school by increasing vocabulary development, writing skills and conceptual growth.

As a result of the summer programs and reading club activities, circulation statistics of materials for children increased by 18% from the previous year. Circulation of materials to adults and young adults also increased by 7%.

We hope you will enjoy seeing your son or daughter in one of these photos taken at the Fountaindale Libraries. If your children didn't get a chance to participate, plan to be among the first to join us in June 2002, for a fun-filled schedule of reading and educational activities!

kids who read succeed

kidZone

The Place to Be For Fitness and Fun!

KidZone: Fitness is a Family Activity!

With an increase in television viewing and computer games, as well as a decrease in physical activity, a growing percentage of children are overweight and not getting enough exercise to promote cardiovascular endurance. The Bolingbrook Park District has opened its newest fitness center—KidZone! Located at the Bolingbrook Recreation & Aquatic Complex, this "kids only" center provides a safe, effective, and fun place for children to begin a healthy lifestyle. Designed for children 6 - 13 years of age, KidZfit classes promote both physical and mental growth, enhancing strength, speed, endurance, flexibility, cardiovascular capacity, as well as self-esteem. The following KidZfit classes are co-ed unless otherwise noted.

For more information, call (630) 759-2727

Splash into Pools of Fun, All Year-Round at

Pelican Harbor Indoor Aquatic Park

Splash into pools of "splashtastic" fun at Bolingbrook Park District's Pelican Harbor Indoor Aquatic Park. Splash, swim, slide, and play every single day! Featuring: an activity "zero-depth" pool with gradual entry for easy access; spraying and splashing attractions; slide all year-long on the Green Monster Indoor Water Slide; 25-yard indoor lap pool with six lanes for fitness enthusiasts; 10-person whirlpool fun (a very therapeutic and relaxing retreat for adults!).

Admission: $4/resident; $7/non-resident

Call for times: 759-2727

Bolingbrook Park District

The *Fountain of Information* Online

The *Fountain of Information* is now accessible to Internet users from the library website. We hope that you find the website to be helpful and informative and enjoy reading the newsletter in this new format. Visit us on the web at:

http://fountaindale.lib.il.us

Visit the New Children's Services Room (Lower Level of the Romeoville Library)

Harold and his purple crayon are at it again. This time he's accidentally created an opening to a fantastic world created by children's books. A landscape from the minds of J. K. Rowling, Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss and many others is waiting for you! Come hang your hat and coat (a few of your favorite characters already have) and join us in our new room. The artist who painted this colorful mural is Fountaindale Children's Services staff member Mike Rank. We are inaugurating the use of this room in January 2002. The room is equipped with a deep sink and tile flooring so that craft-type programs can be easily accommodated.

Questions and Answers about the Friends

Who are the Friends of Fountaindale Library? They are a growing group of your friends and neighbors who actively support the central informational and cultural resource in this community – THE LIBRARY. What is the purpose of the Friends? Our purpose is to serve as community advocates for Library services, programs, facilities and needs. We also give monetary support to the Library through fund-raising activities, and provide cultural, social and educational opportunities for people who are interested in books and libraries.

What do the Friends do? The Friend's fund-raising activities provide the Library with equipment, services and other materials which it might not otherwise be able to provide without raising taxes. Recent gifts to the Library include prizes for the Summer Reading Program for both children and adults, prizes for the Battle of the Cards program at Bolingbrook and Romeoville schools, and books for "Baby Packs" for Bolingbrook and Romeoville. Friends also sponsor a scholarship program for graduating high school students who are employed at Fountaindale or are children of a member of Friends.

How can you become a member of Friends? Fill out the membership form on this page and return it to either Library, along with a check for the annual dues.

Membership Application

☒ YES! I want to be a Friend of the Fountaindale Public Library

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone ( ) _____

Individual $5.00 _____ Family Dues $8.00 _____ Business $35.00 _____

☐ I have included an extra donation of $ _____ for the Friends.

☐ I would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

E-mail address: _____

Make checks payable to *Friends of Fountaindale Library* and mail to:

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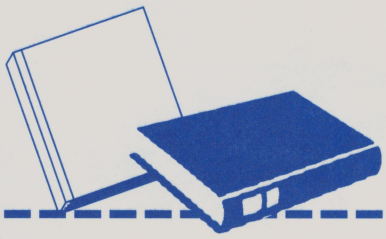

Romeoville Recreation Department

The Romeoville Recreation Department will be holding it's Grand Opening on January 12 - 13, 2002. Stop by and see the new renovated facility and the expanded programs we are offering.

The Recreation Center will be open for the winter 2002 program session. The newly renovated and expanded recreation center will include a 3,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor playground, 2 preschool rooms, celebration room, craft room, dance/karate room, aerobic studio, teen/senior center, multi purpose rooms, 2 full court gyms, leisure courtyard, concession stand, and new and expanded programming. For more information, please call (815) 886-6222.

2001 Winter Registration Dates

Residents
Wednesday, December 26, 2001 through
Tuesday, January 8, 2002

Non-Residents
Saturday, January 5, 2002 through
Tuesday, January 8, 2002

The Recreation Center office will be closed on Monday, December 31, 2001 and Tuesday, January 1, 2002.

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This brochure highlights the programming activities scheduled at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook and Romeoville. Monthly program calendars may be picked up in each library for complete details. Programming is available for adults, young adults, and children. Residents of the Library District are invited to attend programs in both buildings **FREE OF CHARGE**. A sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided for a program upon 1 week advance request.

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Check out all the fabulous Winter Programs featured in this issue!